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AAA to Host Free Car Care Clinic in Manchester with Insurance Commissioner Is your car ready for winter?

MANCHESTER, NH -- In 2018, AAA responded to 555,498 service calls assisting disabled vehicles in Northern New England, including 117,856 that were battery related. Out of those 117,856 battery calls, AAA Technicians replaced 23,350 Batteries. To alleviate the inconvenience of a road service emergency this winter, AAA Northern New England will be hosting a free car care clinic in partnership with the New Hampshire Insurance Department on Thursday, October 17th from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Petco Parking Lot, 1051 South Willow Street in Manchester.

During Car Care Month, AAA automotive professionals tour each of the Northern New England states performing pre-winter vehicle check-ups that include checking: tires, fluid levels, windshield wipers, battery, charging system, brakes, lights, belts, and hoses.

All too often vehicle maintenance falls through the cracks of daily and monthly routines. "Properly preparing your vehicle for upcoming winter weather is essential for safe driving and will greatly decrease the chances of your vehicle leaving you stranded in the cold," said Tom Giasson, Manager of AAA Approved Auto Repair and Auto Buying Services.

"Many of the most common driving emergencies can be easily avoidable by preparing your vehicle for the winter season," Giasson added. The AAA Mobile Battery Service will be on-site at the free clinics, with technicians ready to test your battery and charging system, and if necessary, replace your vehicle's battery at our member-friendly price.

"The best way to avoid a winter-related automobile accident or other incident is to ensure your car is prepared for driving on snow and ice," said Insurance Commissioner John Elias. "You may also want to consider keeping a winter emergency kit in your car. In the event you have an auto insurance claim, the Insurance Department can offer guidance and answer your questions on how to work with your insurance company."

Make it a point to stop by one of AAA's Free Car Care Clinics to have your vehicle checked out by AAA's Automotive Service Excellence Certified Technicians. No appointments are necessary, and are for members and non-members alike. As we roll into the winter months, and our busiest road travel season, make sure your vehicle will safely get you there.

As North America's largest motoring and leisure travel organization, AAA provides 60 million members with travel, insurance, financial, and automotive-related services. Operating 19 offices throughout Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont, AAA Northern New England is a not-for-profit, fully tax-paying corporation and a leader and advocate for the safety and security of all travelers. Today, AAA members benefit by roadside assistance, insurance products and services, travel agency, financial products, automotive pricing and buying programs, automotive testing and analysis, trip-planning services, and highway and transportation safety programs.

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